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## REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 TO DECEMBER 13, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the final Office Action issued on December 13, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants request a one month extension of time. With that one month extension of time, this Reply is due on April 13, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

A Notice of Appeal is also enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a check for \$215 to cover the \$55 one month extension of time fee and the \$160 Notice of Appeal fee for a small entity. If additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, applicants authorize the PTO to use Deposit Account 01-1785 to cover those

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows: